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THE ONLY PARALLEL IN HISTORY Walt Whitman's Account of the Assas sinution of Lincoln.

To the tragedy of Saturday, July 2d, the history of the country furnishes only one parallel-the murder of President count of that event is from Walt Whitman's famous lecture :

al victory, and atter breakdown of se- play house. cession -we almost doubted our own selves! Early herbage, early flowers, stopping at the time, the season being advanced, there were blacs in full bloom By one of those caprices that enter and give tinge to events without being at all a part of them, I find myself always reminded of the great tragedy of that day by the sight and odor of these blossoms. It never falls.)

But I must not dwell on occasions. The deed hastens. The popular afternoon paper of Washington, the little Evening Star, had spattered all over its ments, in a sensational manner in a hundred different places, "The President and his lady will be at the theater this evening." Lincoln was fond of the theater. I have myself seen him there several times. I remember thinking how funny it was that he, in some respects the leading actor in the stormiest drama known to real history's stage through centuries, should sit there and be so completely interested and absorbed in those human jack straws, moving about with their silly little gestures, foreign spirit, and flatulent text.

On this occasion the theater was crowded, many ladies in rich and gay costumes, officers in their uniforms, many well known citizens, young folks, the usual magnetism of so many people, cheerful with perfumes, music of violins and flutes - and over all, and saturating all, that vast vague wonder, Victory, the nation's victory, the triumph of lishment will satisfy anyone that there the Union, filling the air, the thought, the sense, with exhileration more than all music and pertumes,

The President came betimes, and, with his wif , witnessed the play from in the house, five traveling salesmen on the large stage boxes of the second tier, the road, eighteen hundred dollars per two thrown into one and profusely dra- month for running expenses, and seven ped with the American flag. There is hundred per month for advertising a ern parlor, in which two unprecedented English ladies are informed by an impossible Yankee that he is not a man of fortune, and therefore undesirable for marriage catching purposes; after which the comments being finished, the dramatic trio make exit, leaving the stage clear for a moment. At this period came the murder of Abraham Lincoln. Great as that was, with all its manifold train, circling round it and stretching into the future for many a century, in the politics, history, art, etc., of the new world. In point of fact the main thing, the actual murder, transpired with the quiet and simplicity of any commonest occurrence-the bursting of a bud or pod in the growth of vegetation, for instance. Through the general hum following the stage pause, with the change of positions came the muffled sound of a pistol shot, which not the 100th part of the audience heard at the time-and yet a moment's hushdraperied, starred and striped space- girl by the arm. He waved his hand knee, quickly recovers himself, fore he left." rises as if nothing had happened (he really sprains his ankle, but untelt then) -and so the figure, Booth, the murderer, dressed in plain black broadcloth, bareheaded, with a full head of glossy, raven hair, and his eye like some mad tion, yet with a certain calmness, holds isk eyes, flashing with desperation, per. greatest fortune. haps meanity -launches out in a firm and steady roice the words: Sic somper tyrannis!-and then walks with neither slow nor very rapid pace diagonally across to the back of the stage and disappears. . . . . . . . . . (Had not all this terrible scene -making the mimic ones preposterous-had it

Booth, beforehand?) A moment's hush—a scream—the cry that by combining some well-known of murder—Mrs. Lineoln, leaning out that by combining some well-known valuable remedies the most wonderful A moment's hush-a scream - the cry of the box, with ashy cheeks and lips, of the box, with ashy cheeks and lips, medicine was produced, which would care such a wide range of diseases that retreating figure: He has killed the rost all other remedies could be dis-President! And still a moment's strange, incredulous suspense, and then the seluge!—then that mixture of horror, 'noises, uncertainty—(the sound, Bitters, are honored and blessed by all somewhere back, of a horse's hoofs clat- as benefactors.

not all been rehearsed, in blank, by

tering with speed)-the people burst through chairs and railings, and break them up: that noise adds to the queerness of the scene; there is inextricable confusion and terror; women f int; quite feeble persons fall and are trampled on; many cries of agony ere heard; the broad stage suddenly fills to suffocation with a dense and modey crowd, like some horrible carnival, the audience rush generally upon it; at least the strong men do: the actors and actresses are all in their play costume and painted faces, with mortal fright showing through the rouge, some trembling, some in tears; the screams and calls, confused talk redoubled, trebled; two or three manage to pass up water from the stage to the President's box, others trying to clamber up, etc.

In the midst of all this, the soldiers Lincoln. The following graphic ac- of the President's Guard, with others suddenly drawn to the scene, burst in -some two hundred altogether-they Friday, April 14th, seems to have storm the house, through all the tiers, been-a pleasant one throughout the especially the upper ones, inflamed with whole land-the moral atmosphere fury, literally charging the audience pleasant too-the long storm, so dark, with fixed bayonets, muskets and pisso fratricidal, full of blood, and doubt, tols, shouting: Clear out! Clear out! and gloom, over and ended at last by you sons of -! Such the wild scene, the sunrise of such an absolute nation or a suggestion of it rather, inside the

And in that night pandemonium of senseless hate, infuriated soldiers, the were out. (I remember where I was audience and the crowd-the stage and all its actors and actresse, its paintpots, spangles and gaslights-the life blood from these veins, the best and sweetest of the land, drips slowly down, and death's ooze already begins its little bubbles on the lips,

The President was at once removed to a private house in the vicinity of the the theater, where he died, at about 7 o'clock the next morning, without having uttered a word, surrounded by the members of his family and a number of third page, divided among its advertise-

> IT DON'T WORK THAT WAY. From the Leavenworth Standa A LaPorte, Indiana, paper publishes letter written from Leavenworth, containing a statement that the adoption of the prohibitory law had seriously interfered with the Brown Medicine and Manufacturing company. We called at the office of this company to learn the condition of their trade and found by reference to their books since the first of May their sales were twenty per cent greater than any previous month since the organization of the company, an l forty per cent in excess of the sales for the month of May, 1880; and that their sales for the first ten days in June are fifty per cent greater than the first ten

days of last month. A walk through the four floors of the Brown Medicine company's large es.abis a marked increase in their trade, notwithstanding they do not manufacture a single article in violation of the prohibitory law. Twenty-seven employes in the play representing a mod- Leavenworth institution, is a part of the work of this company.

> Ir Pre-ident Garfield recovers, in the language of Don Cameron "all h-1 can't beat him in 1884."

THERE is a chance for the conversion of Bob Ingersall growing out of the attempted assassination of President Garfield. Bob said one day last week that nothing but a miracle would save the President. It looks now very much as if the President would be saved; if so, it must, according to Ingersoll, be by a miracle and he must thereafter be a believer in miracles. What a glorious thing it would be for the President to get well and Ingersoil be converted at the same time. He could then get up the best of all his lectures, and call it the Mistakes of Ingersoll and the Vindiention of Moses.

A TRAIN dispatcher in Baltimore the other day, just as he had given the sigsomehow, surely a vague, startled thrill nal, discovered a woman rushing fran--and then, through the ornamented, tically down street, dragging a little way of the President's box, a sudden to arrest the train, and assisted the wo. Agure, a man, raises himself with hards man to get on the car, and as he was and feet, stands a moment on the rail- about to start the train again noticed ing, leaps below to the stage (a distance the woman and her little girl getting of perhaps fourteen or fifteen feet), falls off. Hurrying to the spot he asked out of his position, catching his boot what was the matter, and the woman American flag), falls on one "little girl wanted to kiss her papa be-

Section 1,150 of the laws governing the District of Columbia, provides the punishment upon conviction of assault with intent to kill. The minimum sentence is two years' and the maximum animal's, fashing with light and resolu- eight years' imprisonment. In most of the States it is greater for the same ofaloft in one hand a large kulfe-walks tense. Teere is no taw providing for a along not much back of the footlights. heavier penalty, should the assailed be turns fully toward the audience his face a president, than if he were a hod carof statuesque beauty, lit by those basil. rier. Gitteau's ill aim may prove his

IF no legal interference is had there will be two murderers hung in St. Louis on the 15th, two in New Madrid county, the two Talbotts in Nodaway county or the 22d. and J. W. Patterson in Henry county on the same day, making seven in all, to be swung up this month.

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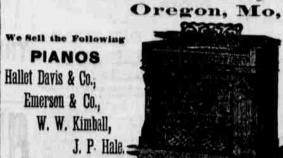
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Mrs. D. N. Latorop. about Washington without anybody thinking him a fit subject for a lunatie asylum. To all appearances he was only a type of a numerous class of shiftless adventurers who make their way to the National Capital at the beginning of every new Administration, and urge ridiculous claims for office as a reward for trifling or purely imaginary services for the successful party. Their claims are, of course, never recognized, and they hang about the city month after month, impecunious, desperate and reveneral. Guiteau seemed to those who knew him to be a man of this wellknown class, no more insane or dangerons than his fellows. The only peculiarity that distinguished him from the mob of disappointed and worthless place-hunters seems to have been the fact that his mance was not altogether personal. His paramount idea, if we may judge by his exclamation when arrested, was to serve a political faction hostile to the President. In his morbid class, cheap. A splendid lot of conceit he doubtless thougt he would make himself the hero of that faction, and he seems to have even imagined that it would protect bim from the consequences of his crime. The theory of ordinary insanity does

not fit with the behavior of the assassin. He knew just what he wanted to do, and set about doing it with a coolness that shows a normal action of the reasoning faculties. He carefully informed himself of the day and hour of the President's intended departure, purchased a revolver, and coolly stationed himself must necessarily pass close to him. He even made a plan for his own escapea lame one, it is true, but still not the plan of a disordered brain. He designed to jump into a carriage which he had previously engaged, and drive as fast as possible to the Congressional Cemetery, city. If he had reached that lonely spot, his next move would no doubt have been to cross the Eastern Branch to the sparsely settled country beyond-the very region which Booth traversed after very region which Booth traversed after the murder of Luccoln. The man would have been captured in any case, but his scheme of escape was as good as he greatly delayed on account of the unexcould have made. Even his letter to General Sherman in which he announced his crime as already committed showed remarkable forethought and care for his own safety. He anticipated the possibility of his capture, and asked the General to send troops to the jail to will be furnished with any books pubprevent him from being lynched in the first access of popular fury. Under the circumstances, there is little room to do bt that he is morally responsible for The County Paper, and those wishing his criminal act.

en yet. The preliminary investigation what they want, at once. dence leading to other persons, if any such threads have been found. We must be content with the knowledge that the work of investigation is in skilltul and judicious hands .Attorney-General McVeagh will probe the dastardly crime to the bottom. If Guiteau is the tool and victim of revengeful rascals, whose schemes for plundering the Government have been broken up, and over whose heads the populties of the law are about to fall the fact cannot be concealed. Thus far, there is nothing of public knowledge to warrant the suspicion that the assassin had abettors or confidants, and we may reasonably hope that when the whole truth is known it will st. Joseph. show that the responsibility for the infamous and crael deed rests with him

A shor at the President is a bullet nimed at all of us .- Roscoe Conkling. Me Too.

T. Platt.

Exclisit sympathy tendered to America's misfortune has never been so deep and kind, so hearty and so warm as that which has been offered by the London press since the attempt on the President's life.

GUITTEAU was crazy for a foreign mission. We would suggest if he still insists on having one, to turn him loose and the public will soon send him to represent this country in a place where Blacksmithing. he wouldn't have to shovel snow or be in danger of "catching cold."

THERE are no politics in the prevailing feeling with reference to the condi- Sheet Iron Work, tion of the President. Democrats are quite as anxious for his recovery as Republicans, Under this national affliction the people in their majesty have risen far above politics.

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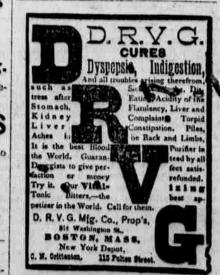
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